

House Resolution No. 653

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize a very special Missouri citizen who has dedicated his life to serving the Lord; and

Whereas, Father Ronald C. Chochol, a treasured resident of St. Louis, Missouri, will commemorate the Fortieth Anniversary of his ordination to the Catholic priesthood on March 14, 2004; and

Whereas, Father Chochol was ordained to the priesthood by Cardinal Joseph Ritter at the St. Louis Cathedral in 1964, since which time he has been instrumental in the spiritual development of countless Christian men, women, and children; and

Whereas, Father Chochol has derived a tremendous amount of satisfaction from the important roles he plays as a board member of various organizations, including the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Churches Committed To Community Concerns, Metropolitan Churches United, and the United States Catholic China Bureau; and

Whereas, a former pastor of All Saints Parish in St. Peters, Father Chochol has compiled an enviable list of service to the Archdiocese of St. Louis through the meaningful positions he has held as a seminary professor, rector, member of the Sulpician Fathers, and Director of Continuing Formation for Clergy; and

Whereas, the recipient of graduate degrees from the Catholic University of America and the University of Toronto, Father Chochol has worked to spread the Word of God and to promote the Catholic faith as a teacher at several schools of theology and for the Paul VI Institute in St. Louis; and

Whereas, born to John and Helen Chochol in St. Louis on December 3, 1937, Father Chochol will be recognized for his contributions to the Catholic Church during a special celebration and reception to be held in his honor on March 13-14, 2004:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty and robust congratulations to Father Chochol upon this very special anniversary event, and in wishing him much peace and contentment as he continues to serve the Christian mission; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Father Ronald C. Chochol, as a mark of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Thomas A. Villa
District No. 108

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 653, adopted February 18, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker